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The Council met at 12 noon on Thursday the 12th August 1943 in the Council Chamber with the President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

1. Rajyasevaniratha Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai, (*Director of Public Health*).
2. Dr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*).
3. Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurthy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Cottage Industries.

19. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the cottage industries either resuscitated or started anew by the Industries Department since the outbreak of the present war?

Mr. E. I. Chacko (*Director of Industries*): 1. Hand made paper.

2. Organisation of spinning units.
3. Sericulture—jointly by the Departments of Agriculture and Industries.
4. Dehydration of fruits, vegetables and fish.
5. Manufacture of glue out of tannery waste.
6. Pith hat making and cork substitutes.
7. Manufacture of refined jaggery.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the number of spinning units so far organised by the Department?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: About three units have been organised.

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Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: With reference to part 5 of the answer, may I know whether the materials required for the manufacture of glue is being supplied by Government?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: No, Sir. The Department made an experiment for making glue out of tannery waste with the help of the Research Department of the University and it was found very successful and now the manufacture is taken up in South Travancore. For the manufacture of this article Hydrochloric acid is very essential and that has to be procured and supplied by Government.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know how many pith hats were manufactured?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: We have got an order for 1000 pith hats from the Supply Department. About 500 have been supplied and the remaining 500 are being supplied.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know where the manufacture is being carried on? Is it in Trivandrum?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: It is undertaken by a private individual and it is now being done in Trivandrum.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know when the hand-made paper manufacture was started?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: The Department has been making experiments for the manufacture of hand-made paper as a commercial proposition and I am glad to inform the House that it is now found successful. I believe some of the honourable members have witnessed how it is being manufactured at the demonstration unit which we have started near the Public Offices. It will be worked in full swing from next week onwards. Honourable members can go and see how it is being done.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know the minimum investment that will be required for starting such an industry?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: It will be between 300 and 500 rupees.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With such an investment what will be the out-put of paper per day?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: Our unit is designed to manufacture one ream of foolscap paper per day.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla* cum *Pathanamthitta*): Have we got experts for that?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: In our scheme we have included the training of experts. If the honourable members want anybody to be got trained they can send them to the demonstration centre and they will be trained.

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Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know how long it will take?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: That will depend upon the capacity of the candidates selected. Ordinarily it will not take more than three months.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy (*Commerce and Industries South*): May I know what will be the cost of producing one ream of paper?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: It has been estimated that the cost will not be more than Rs. 12 per ream. Out of Rs. 12 including cost of chemicals, Rs. 8 has been allotted for wages to the labourers.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy: May I know what will be the market price for it?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: About Rs. 24 per ream. The cost of one lb. is now Rs. 2½. So the cost of one ream will be between 20 and 25 rupees.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy: Will it be more than the controlled price?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: I am not quite aware of the controlled price now.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know whether the Director of Industries, in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction, has done anything to start the manufacture of paper in some of the Vernacular Schools of the State?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: Yes, we shall consider that. We shall try to do something in collaboration with the Education Department.

President: It is being done in some schools.

Government Hospital, Neyyattinkara.

20. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations and memorials from the public regarding the great hardship and difficulty that the people of Neyyattinkara are put to due to the absence of a maternity ward and pay ward in the Government Hospital, Neyyattinkara; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon?

Dr. S. John (*Ag. Surgeon-General*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

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